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NO CAUSE FOR PROTEST. If after its previous statements

thereon it was necessary, this country has now said the final word in its note to Austria concerning the question of the manufacture of munitions of war in this country for the nations of Europe or any other purchaser. It was thoroughly considered at the opening time to alter its stand upon that mat-

This country as a nation is not engaged in selling munitions. Its manufacturers are engaged in that bustness and they have a perfect right to do so which is recognized not only by this government, but by others. Even to carry on a losing business and it those who are engaged in the war has adopted the course which was its understand that they are not exceeding only alternative. It has thrown its their rights. They are doing only what | vessels into the market for others who does not intend to interfere.

There is more to be considered than the effect such business may be having upon certain of the belligerents as the war lasts the vessels may be because they have been placed at a continued under the American flag. place an embargo upon such exports would simply be a breach of neutrality. It would likewise be an invitation to other nations to depart from an international understanding whenever it pleased them in case this country should at any time be seeking munitions from a foreign market for the repelling of a foreign attack. This is a situation which this country cannot and does not intend to ignore. It has been beset by agitators working for a selfish purpose under the guine of a great principle, but its position right and it will not be changed. Austria has no cause for protest.

GREATER CARE IN HIGHWAYS.

It is impossible to judge without proper investigation what degree of responsibility rests upon the driver of that automobile voor h struck and kill-Watch Hill road. but it was the recognized danger which exists when an automobile passes a standing trolley car which resulted in the passage of the law in the state requiring the auto to be brought to a stop, before proceeding. In this case the child had not alighted from a trolley and had not left the auto bus to which the mother and child had gone for transportation, and it was possibly without warning that the little one stepped out in front of the death dealing machine, yet it serves to emphasize the necessity using more care in the operation of motor cars. There are the rights of others which must be respected and

Driving a car, at 20 miles an hour, especially when passing a standing car or vehicle about which there are good chances that there will be men women or children unconscious of the approach of the fast and silently moving speeders is highly dangerous.

There are even many cases of ag-gravation where drivers are worried by the risks which children and other individuals will take with apparently no other reason than to bother chauffeurs and invite, needlessitrouble. Accidents in such instances cannot be attributed to the drivers, but the widespread disposition to drive cars at tailroad speed on highways without paying attention to other users de-serves proper rebuke. Life initoo dear to be sacrificed for careles

A DIPLOMATIC FIGHT.

There is as great a struggle diplo-matically for the winning of the Bal-kan states and their participation or neutrality in the great struggle now going on injurope as there is by force of arms for the winning of the war. Just, at the present time those states with their armies are in a position to be of much assistance. They can be of inestimable help to the allies in the opening of the Dardanelles or in the launching of new, military operations for the annoyance of the Teutonic forces and the calling off of some worth, of cherishing as the Golden Rule

ing the allies. Equally so can they be of service to the Teutonic allies by remaining neutral or maintaining such neutrality as is not detrimental to the interests of Germany, Austria and Turkey,

Each side is therefore anxious to secure whatever assistance they can give and knowing what that means they are fixing their price at a point where they will enter or keep out of the struggle for something more than love of fighting, whatever their decision may be. Diplomacy is thus being out to a hard test. It is no easy matter to deal with that collection of states when all agree, and when they are divided the difficulty increases a hundred fold. The situation is one which requires the Balkans to determine which side is likely to treat them right in case of victory and the demands which are being made indicate that they are not going to pull someone else's chestnuts out of the fire with-out getting adequate recompense.

SMALL CHANCE FOR CONSUMER There cannot help being a popular interest in the decision of the interstate commerce commission just an-nounced making a reduction in the rates for the transportation of anthracite coal. In view of the condition under which many of the railroads are operating it can be expected that it will be the ground for a stiff protest and even a demand for a rehearing but when the large profits which other roads are making as the result of the hauling of coal are considered it cannot but be looked upon as a step in the right direction. It can be read-ily understood that when profits are interfered with it furnishes the greatest ground for a protest whether it is justified or not.

Just how the consumer will benefit by the decision cannot be told. That I'll turn in."
the cost of coal is reduced might on "It's too first thought be interpreted as meaning that that reduction would accrue to the benefit of the fellow who utilizes the product, but few and far between are the instances where such actually follows. That it should be brought about is the one logical result, but when prices are increased to make up for a higher rate of wages for the miners and the consumer is made to pay millions more than the companies pay to the employes, it can be readily seen that it is not such a difficult matter to apply that policy when freight rates are reduced and instead of allowing the consumer to get the benefit thereof, tax on another charge somewhere else and still keep the consumer on the same old basis of rates. Cutting rates seldom continues until it affects the ultimate purchaser

NOT A BLUFF.

Some months ago the statement was made by the Pacific Mail Steamship company that it could not continue to do business between this country and Asiatic ports in competition with Japanese lines and comply with the re quirements of the seamen's law. It was evident after a thorough investigation of the situation that there was nothing else to do but to dispose of its vessels and permit the steamships which operate under foreign flags to carry on the business.

Whether this threat was looked upon of the war and long before and the as a bluff or not at the time, it is United States does not intend at this apparent now by the announcement which has just been made of the sale of five of its vessels that it was sincere in its analysis of the situation. It has done what it promised to do and what it was forced into by the legislation which was passed by the present administration. It was not disposed cause of the conditions which have been created by the war, and as long disadvantage by their enemies. To but it is inevitable thereafter that they will be found under the registration of some other country which furnishes more encouragement for those engaged in shipping. The action of the Pacific Mail in disposing of its ships makes it clear that its early declaration was not a bluff.

> EDITORIAL NOTES. It is time for Hayti to realize that there is no good to be gained by emulating Mexico.

Nothing is much more discomforting just now than the combination of hot weather and hay fever.

The fellow who saves for a rainy day doesn't appreciate it when it comes in the middle of his vacation.

nany strikers suffer from the delusion that what they need is violent exer-That Gordon Highlander who is dis-

The man on the corner save: Too

playing 29 bayonet wounds appears to be somewhat cut up over his experi-The Eastland is once again affoat,

but the negligence the terrible loss of life can never be Whether the European buyers can-

celled their orders for wheat or not, it is having no effect upon the coming bumper crop,

From the manner in which Holland has suffered and is suffering from the war it can be appreciated that it is interested in bringing about peace.

The Dardanelles campaign is proving a hard one, but no harder than has always been maintained would be required to penetrate that waterway

Carranza may have the good sense to realise that if he wants to be recognized he should first give consideration to those he would impress, and

Having been warned not to cross the Canadian border, American aviators should have the good sense to in this country to get up in the air.

The great misfortune of that eEng-ishman who drowned his wives in the bathtub, was convicted July list and has since been harred, was that he did not commit his crimes in this country where trials are continued and crime given undeserved encourage-

Germany puts its foot upon the chant of hate which Emperor William endorsed by honoring its author with a decoration. They do not think: "we

EARLY RISING AT HILLTOP

Sitting on the porch at Hilltop, Miss Belinda glanced at her wrist watch and laughed at her brother.

"What are you yawning for at half past 7?" she asked.
"I was thinking that I ought to go to bed."

"Go to bed, now!"

"Yes; didn't I tell you that Sandy Macfarlane is going to drop off the through train from Minneapolis in the morning? I'll have to be in the village at 4.30 to meet him. He's such a brick about stopping here to give us pointers on laying out the new golf course that I wouldn't keep him waiting on our forforn station platform at that unearthly hour for anything. I suppose I'll have to get up at 3."

"By George, what a ghastly hour to get up, "wonder what time it is now? Good heavens, ten minutes to 1—12:50! Why, what's the matter with me?" He stepped nearer the lamp and look-given it was at his watch more closely.

"Well, of all the imbeclies—I'm the blitheringest! It must have been 12:16 when I thought it was 3! Just got those deuced hands mixed, that's all."

Very softly he crept upstairs to his come and fining himself on the bed in his clothes disgustedly. There was no use undressing and dressing again in two hours. The coffee had taken effect, and elsep, for what seemed an interminable time to him, declined to come."

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"Mercy, Ben. It won't take you an hour and a half to dress and motor over to the village."

"I shall also eat. No empty stomach rides in the early morn for me. Then there's always the possibility of tire trouble. I don't intend to be late."

"I'm sorry you didn't tell me this before Katle went out, so that I could have instructed her to get you some breakfast. Now she has gone 'buggy ridin' with her young man and she probably won't be in until after I'm asleep, for I think I'll go to bed fairly early myself tonight if we are to have such an early guest."

"Oh, I shouldn't like to have Katie get up in the middle of the night to cook me a breakfast, anyway. Can't you make some good, strong coffee and put it in the vacuum bottle. I can eat some zwelbach with it." "Yes, of course I can. I'll do it now." Miss Belinda rose from her swinging

"Thank you, dear. Leave it on the dining room table. Good-night. I guess

"It's too bad our alarm clock is broken. You must remember to bring a new one next time you come from the a new one next time you come from the city. Shall I call you at 3?"
"Most certainly not, thank you, Belinda! I can wake myself. There's no reason why the whole household should be disturbed."

While Ben was preparing for bed he recalled how he used to pride himself in his college days on being able to wake at any hour he desired, for study or training. And he said to himself emphatically in the old way, as he lay with wide open eyes, for he wasn't accustomed to such early hours:
"Three o'clock, 3 o'clock, rise at 3 o'clock, 3 o'clock, 1 o'clock,

o'clock, 3 o'clock!"

When he awoke it was with a sense of having just fallen asieep, but he flashed an electric torch on his watch and jumped out of bed. "Exactly 3." he said. "Well, it's a wonder the way I can guage the time in my sleep."

He was still so painfully sleepy when he began his breakfast that he thought it a wise precaution to drink every it a wise precaution to drink every drop of the rather stiff black coffee his sister had made for him. He assured himself that he needed waking up before attempting to drive his car the five miles to the station.

come.

"I'll be dog tired in the morning," he groaned as he turned and twisted. "I must get a nap before 3," and he began slowly to count 100 backward with methodical pauses between the numbers. "Thirty-seven thirty-six, thirty-four, no, thirty-five, thirty-three, thir—" he was gone.

"What's that infernal noise?" he asked himself when he next awoke. "Heavens, it's broad daylight!" He jumped to the window and pulled aside the curtain. The din that had swakened him still continued, and he saw beneath his window Macfarlane, shouting through a megaphone to the accompaniment of a vigorously rung rising bell.

rising bell.

"Hoot mon! Are ye nae getting up the day? Dinna ye ken the sun's been up these four hours and mair? Will ye be sleeping the whole braw mornio."

"Cut out your Harry Laudering, fou red-headed Scotsman, and tell me how you got here from the station?"
"I had the pleasure of coming over with your sister. She informed me that she made a serious but unsuccessful attempt to rouse you from your slum-bers at the time you intended to rise, so she did me the honor of coming for me herself. It was all right with me, old fellow. I always prefer a lady's society."

In another moment Ben was down the stairs and with his friend on the lawn. After they had shaken hands warmly he looked around for his

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"Where's Belinda now?"

"I think she's seeing to the preparation of a late breakfast for you. We had ours long since." Macfariane laughed teasingly as Miss Belinda appeared on the porch.

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"Drive the car for Miss Belinda!" exclaimed Macfarlane. "Why, she's a skillful driver herself."

"Belinda, you don't mean to say that you drove my car without me?"

"I always told you I could perfectly well, if you'd only give me a chance."

"Well," Ben laughed, "anyway, you had to get up at 3 a. m. to prove it."—

Chicago News.

Stories of the War

Anarchists Are Patriotic.

The militant Anarchists, whose exploits furnished so much copy to the French newspapers before the war, but who dropped out of sight immediate-ly after the general mobilization, have been found by the police to be doing their patriotic duty. With only a few exceptions those who were exempt from military service in France vol-unteered and have distinguished them-

entirely legal and the government are in need of just such methods of and a most aggresive anarchist who es not intend to interfere.

There is more to be considered than cause of the conditions which have terrorism in the region and termin-ates: "This monstrous butchery wil cost all of us nameless sacrifices and sorrows, but we shall hold out to the

The old haunts of anarchy in Paris are deserted. Only a few of the old guard are left and they are occupied guard are left and they are occupied with patriotic correspondents with their comrades at the front. They will show with pride a letter from a former fiery propagandist, Prof. M. F— the most militant of all the anti-militarists after Gustav Herve, who has won corporal's stripes and aspires to those of a lieutenant. He does not try, even to himself, to explain the mental process that has made him such an excellent soldier. "I try to earn pardon for my military honors," he says, "by rendering all the justice possible to the rendering all the justice possible to the sixty men under me; I have in them sixty comrades; sixty friends; they call themselves my soldiers; I am sure none of them ever heard or read my doctrines before the war. I think it is mostly the hope that this will be the last of those horrible things called war as a synonym for a thousand hells; the hope that our dear ones, our chilthe hope that our dear ones, our chil-dren, shall not have to cut each other

throats again, gives one something like superhuman ardor." Even the open advocates of the "reprise directe"—the forcible seising of other people's property—the apologists of the assassination of innocent people—are doing their duty.

Maitrejean, the divorced husband of one of the heroines of the Bonnot band,

the former director of the paper Anarchie, himself involved in their ex-ploits but not convicted of murder, is recovering from a dangerous wound.

Alexandre Lerebourg, the double of "Britainious" the bandit of Orleans, whose real identity is still a mystery.

was serving a sentence for desertion when the war broke out.

"It's only in peace," he declared, "that I am anti-militarist; in war my place is at the front." His petition for release and incorporation in the army was granted and he fousht valiantly with his regiment of the African Battalion. After they had cut up the German Imperial Guard in the battle of the Marne, he was taken prisoner in a minor detailed action.

Trenches in Netherlands.

The war, department of the Netherlands has developed a new sort of trench for use in the low and marshy lands has developed a new sort of trench for use in the low and marshy parts of the country where, in case of an invasion, the chief battles might be expected. Fighting along the Yser has taught the strength of a water defense above all others. For this purpose, as is well known, the so-called "waterline" has been brought into readiness. But a great deal of fighting might take place upon the endless tracts of meadows which lie all around the capital of the Kingdom. The trenchestwhich will here be constructed will, be arranged in such a way that at a moment's notice they can be turned into flooded ditches. In the warfare in France and Russia a conquered trench means an added strength for the enemies, who immediately turn the trench into a fortress of their own. The Dutch trenches, when it is necessary to abandon them. when it is necessary to abandon them, will almost automatically become a deep flooded ditch which will be no use to any one and will merely form another obstacle on the way forward.

No Missionary Died From War. or Mochadur Bonapartian, an Ar- market,

has escaped to the Russian lines after serving for ten months with the Turk-ish army, brings reassurances to Tiffis that no American missionary is known as yet to have died in Armenia as a

result of the war.

He believes that during the first three months of the year there were probably 2,000 deaths a day from disease alone among the Turkish soldiers and civilians, and he said that Turkish losses from all causes since the war began might be as high as 300,000. Aside from this, food and ammunition supplies were growing so scant that he doubted that the Turks could offer effectual resistance against the Rus-sians. He said they did not appear to have any large strategic plan, but contended themselves with delaying the present advances and threatening the Russian left flank, north of the Lake of Van.

Half Million Iron Crosses.

The number of iron crosses thus far granted to German soldiers is near the half million mark. Statistics up to March 31, according to the Cologne Gazette, showed a total of 338,261 crosses of the second class, Even if this rate has only been maintained since—and undoubtedly it has been exceeded, considering the increased number of men under arms—it would give ber of men under arms—it would give a total exceeding 150,000. In the period mentioned, 6,488 iron crosses of the first class had also been granted. The holders of these must previously have won the second-class decoration. The crosses issued up to March 31 had cost about ,800,000 marks.

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crosses of the second class were granted, and 1,304 of the first class.



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"Trive the car for Miss Belinda the hum of factory wheels played the human of factory wheels pla havoc with their nerves. It was about this time Smith & Wesson were forced to migrate to Springfield, Allen & Thurber stole away to Worcester, the Washburn & Moen Wire works took the up-trail and left Norwich in dispust. Now we have a chamber of commerce whose prominent members opposed the improvement of Thames street, the principal entrance to our city and now employ a civil engineer to improve a country road to steer the travel to the outskirts. Now Mr. Editor, where is the improvement, whether coming into town by the way

Beauty Doctor



Stove foundry to Thames square, or West Main street from the American junk shop to Francis' corner? It is certainly a great improvement! One is about as rotten as the other and would have the same impression on a stranger as to the thrift of our city beautiful, the Rose of New England.

If we had a few more members of sary to committee on housing the 2,000 men that are going to come here to make guns will be able to report early so the Cooperative Building association can get to work building the houses that we are short of at the present take care of the gun makers as it has the bottle makers, it will be neces. stranger as to the thrift of our city beautiful, the Rose of New England.

If we had a few more members of aggregations with a good gift of gab to oppose every improvement brought up in city meetings, that would be an improvement to almost intolerable conditions, it would help out some. But it must be great for the chamber of commerce to hold meetings and tell what ought to be done to overcome what they oppose in city meetings, have it published with their photographs in the paper and then "Goodnight."

If there is any possible way of steering the 500 or more automobiles, strangers that come into the city by way of Thamfes street from the south, to the outskirts of our city, let us do on the content of the course into the city by way of Thamfes street from the south, to the outskirts of our city, let us do one lavel here to a cocomitted the stranger going north will never come down the West Main street hills but once.

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